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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY AND EARTHQUAKE

REF: STATE 049715

EMBASSY OFFICER MET WITH CHIEF RABBI ROSEN WHO HAS PROVIDED  
FOLLOWING INFORMATION, WHICH WE REQUEST BE PASSED TO RABBI  
SCHINDLER:

1. RABBI AND MRS  
ROSEN ARE UNINJURED ALTHOUGH THERE WAS  
SEVERE DAMAGE TO THEIR APARTMENT. ALL LEADERS OF THE  
JEWISH COMMUNITY ARE OKAY.
2. FOUR SYNAGOGUES IN BUCHAREST ARE DESTROYED OR UNUSEABLE:  
AMZEI, GASTE, FRATERNA, OR KUDOSH. SOME DAMAGE OCCURRED AT  
TEMPLUL CORAL, MALBIM AND THE GREAT SYNAGOGUE. THESE  
LATTER ARE NOW BEING INSPECTED FOR SAFETY, AND IF  
DECLARED STRUCTURALLY SOUND WILL BE USED TO TEMPORARILY  
HOUSE DISPLACED PERSONS. BOTH SYNAGOGUES IN CRAIOVA ARE  
DESTROYED.
3. THE KOSHER RESTAURANT IN BUCHAREST WAS UNAFFECTED,  
AND IS SERVING MANY MORE THAN ITS NORMAL THOUSAND DAILY  
MEALS. FOOD SUPPLIES FOR PASSOVER AND THE POOR HAVE BEEN  
PARTIALLY DESTROYED; COMMUNITY NOW INVENTORYING WHAT REMAINS

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AND MAY NEED MORE FROM JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, ESPECIALLY  
FOR PASSOVER.

4. AMONG THE KNOWN INDIVIDUALS DEAD FROM JEWISH COMMUNITY  
ARE UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR MARCU, DR VERMONT (DENTIST)) -  
WHO WHO WAS ABOUT TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL, WRITER/LAWYER  
VERONICA PORUMBACU AND HUSBAND AS WELL AS TWO WRITERS

(MR GAFITA AND ONE OTHER - NAME UNKNOWN) WHO WERE IN THEIR HOUSE AS DINNER GUESTS AT TIME OF EARTHQUAKE.

5. THE COMMUNITY IS DISTRIBUTING FOOD, CLOTHING AND MONEY TO THOSE IN NEED.

6. NO DAMAGE TO ANY OF COMMUNITIES IN TRANSYLVANIA.

7. AS INDICATION OF HIGH MORALE IN COMMUNITY REGULAR MORNING SERVICES WERE CONDUCTED BY ROSEN SATURDAY AT TEMPLUL CORAL; HE DELIVERED A SERMON TO THE LARGE CONGREGATION AND OFFERED THE PRAYER FOR WELFARE OF THOSE AFFECTED. THAT AFTERNOON HE CONDUCTED A TALMUD CLASS, AGAIN ATTENDED BY A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE. THE PURIM PARTY SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY EVENING WAS CANCELLED.

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